

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 1. Please cancel claims 2 and 9-25. Please add new claims 26-36.

The currently pending claims after amendment are listed below.

1. (Currently Amended): A method of accessing electronic documents, comprising the steps of:

displaying a first electronic document to a user using a display screen of a computer system, said first electronic document being retrieved remotely over a network connected to said computer system;

storing, in a local storage area of said computer system, link information regarding one or more document links embedded in ~~an~~ said first electronic document;

at a time subsequent to performing said displaying and storing steps, receiving a user selection selecting the first electronic document for retrieval remotely over said network by the computer system;

in response to said receiving a user selection selecting the first electronic document step, ~~displaying~~ retrieving said link information from said local storage area to display the link information on a said display screen of the computer system, and issuing a request for the first electronic document to a said network connected to the computer system;

in response to displaying said link information, receiving a user selection selecting a link of the displayed link information, said link identifying a second electronic document;

in response to receiving a user selection selecting a link, issuing a request for said second electronic document to said network; and

in response to said issuing a request for the first electronic document step, downloading the first electronic document;

wherein said step of issuing a request for said second electronic document is performed before said step of downloading said first electronic document.

2. (Cancelled)

1 3. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said storing step stores at least one universal
2 resource locator address associated with one of the document links embedded in the electronic
3 document.

1 4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said storing step stores at least one java applet
2 identifier associated with one of the document links embedded in the electronic document.

1 5. (Original) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the step of updating the link
2 information after said downloading step.

1 6. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said storing step stores at least one link label
2 associated with one of the document links embedded in the electronic document.

1 7. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said storing step stores at least one document
2 layout location associated with one of the document links embedded in the electronic document.

1 8. (Original) The method of Claim 7 wherein said displaying step positions the one
2 document link at the document layout location.

9-25. (Cancelled)

1 26. (New) The method of Claim 1 wherein said first and second electronic documents are
2 web pages retrievable from the world wide web.

1 27. (New): The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 storing, in said local storage area, link information regarding one or more document links
3 embedded in said second electronic document, said storing step being performed before said step
4 of receiving a user selection selecting the first electronic document for retrieval;
5 in response to said step of receiving a user selection selecting a link identifying a second
6 electronic document, retrieving said link information regarding one or more document links
7 embedded in said second electronic document from said local storage area to display the retrieved
8 link information on said display screen of the computer system;
9 in response to displaying said link information regarding one or more document links
10 embedded in said second electronic document, receiving a user selection selecting a link of the
11 displayed link information, said link identifying a third electronic document;
12 in response to receiving a user selection selecting a link identifying a third electronic
13 document, issuing a request for said third electronic document to said network;
14 in response to said issuing a request for the second electronic document step, downloading
15 the second electronic document;
16 wherein said step of issuing a request for said third electronic document is performed
17 before said step of downloading said first electronic document.

1 28. (New): A computer program product embodied as a plurality of computer readable
2 instructions stored on a storage medium, wherein said computer readable instructions, when
3 executing by a computer system cause the computer system to perform the steps of:
4 displaying a first electronic document to a user using a display screen of said computer
5 system, said first electronic document being retrieved remotely over a network connected to said
6 computer system;
7 storing, in a local storage area of said computer system, link information regarding one or
8 more document links embedded in said first electronic document;
9 at a time subsequent to performing said displaying and storing steps, receiving a user
10 selection selecting the first electronic document for retrieval remotely over said network by the
11 computer system;
12 in response to said receiving a user selection selecting the first electronic document step,
13 retrieving said link information from said local storage area to display the link information on said
14 display screen of the computer system, and issuing a request for the first electronic document to
15 said network connected to the computer system;
16 in response to displaying said link information, receiving a user selection selecting a link of
17 the displayed link information, said link identifying a second electronic document;
18 in response to receiving a user selection selecting a link, issuing a request for said second
19 electronic document to said network; and
20 in response to said issuing a request for the first electronic document step, receiving the
21 downloaded first electronic document;
22 wherein said step of issuing a request for said second electronic document is performed
23 before said step of receiving the downloaded first electronic document.

1 29. (New) The computer program product of Claim 28 wherein said storing step stores at
2 least one universal resource locator address associated with one of the document links embedded
3 in the electronic document.

1 30. (New) The computer program product of Claim 28 wherein said storing step stores at
2 least one java applet identifier associated with one of the document links embedded in the
3 electronic document.

1 31. (New) The computer program product of Claim 28, wherein said instructions further
2 cause said computer to perform the step of updating the link information after said step of
3 downloading the first electronic document.

1 32. (New) The computer program product of Claim 28 wherein said storing step stores at
2 least one link label associated with one of the document links embedded in the electronic
3 document.

1 33. (New) The computer program product of Claim 28 wherein said storing step stores at
2 least one document layout location associated with one of the document links embedded in the
3 electronic document.

1 34. (New) The computer program product of Claim 33 wherein said displaying step positions
2 the one document link at the document layout location.

1 35. (New) The computer program product of Claim 28 wherein said first and second
2 electronic documents are web pages retrievable from the world wide web.

1 36. (New): The computer program product of Claim 28, wherein said instruction further
2 cause said computer to perform the steps of:

3 storing, in said local storage area, link information regarding one or more document links
4 embedded in said second electronic document, said storing step being performed before said step
5 of receiving a user selection selecting the first electronic document for retrieval;

6 in response to said step of receiving a user selection selecting a link identifying a second
7 electronic document, retrieving said link information regarding one or more document links
8 embedded in said second electronic document from said local storage area to display the retrieved
9 link information on said display screen of the computer system;

10 in response to displaying said link information regarding one or more document links
11 embedded in said second electronic document, receiving a user selection selecting a link of the
12 displayed link information, said link identifying a third electronic document;

13 in response to receiving a user selection selecting a link identifying a third electronic
14 document, issuing a request for said third electronic document to said network;

15 in response to said issuing a request for the second electronic document step, downloading
16 the second electronic document;

17 wherein said step of issuing a request for said third electronic document is performed
18 before said step of receiving the downloaded first electronic document.